PLANTING AND CULTIVATING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR OUR

High Bred, Grafted Paper Shell Pecan Trees

As soon as your shipment of trees arrives, wet the big end of the bundle thoroughly with water. This will prevent the roots from drying out for about 5 days. If you can get your holes ready within 5 days, set the wet bundle of trees in a shady place. Leave the trees in their original bundle, until ready to set out, then take them out one by one as you put each in its hole. This will prevent the roots of the trees from becoming dry and exposed to the air. Of course, set the trees out at once if possible.

Each pecan tree should be set 60 feet apart, which requires 12 trees to each acre.

After the trees arrive dig a hole for each tree, 3 feet square, and 3 feet deep is about the right size. Put the top soil on one side, and the bottom soil on the other. Begin to fill the bottom of the hole with some of the top dirt. Set each tree in its hole about the same depth that it stood in the nursery row. You can tell where this is by the difference in the color of the tree bark. Continue to fill the hole with the top soil, packing the dirt well around the roots, especially the tap root. Be sure that the side roots are in their natural position. Like they grew in the nursery row. Do not bend them downward. Then fill the rest of the hole with the remaining soil that was dug out.

If the soil is dry when the trees are set out, it is a good idea to put a bucket of water into each tree's hole, when the hole is nearly filled and then fill the hole up completely with earth.

Now on top of the ground around the tree scatter stable manure, being careful not to let the manure touch the trunk of the tree, and work this stable manure into the top soil, with a potato digger or similar tool. This mulching should extend over a space as large or larger than that occupied by the roots underneath. The rain will leach the manure carrying it down to the rootlets, where it is needed, and in this form it will not hurt them, but will be highly beneficial to the tree's growth. Now place upon the top of this manure mulch a coating of sugar cane bagasse, or pine straw, or even old sacks. This will prevent the growth of grass around the tree.

Keep the soil loose around each tree with a potato digger, or spring tooth harrow. Do not let a crust form on the surface of the soil at each tree, and stay there, as it will let the moisture evaporate too fast and keep the air out from the root system.

You can set out your pecan trees sixty feet apart, 12 to each acre on your cotton land. Put one stake on each side of them, the way the rows run, which will prevent plows from skinning them. When you work your cotton or corn you will cultivate your pecan trees, and they will grow well, and you are at no expense for cultivation. You can plow as close to them as you can get, as the roots stay below the loose dirt, not having to come close to the top for air. Be sure that the field is cultivated each year to some crop. In this way you can get a pecan grove started and use your land too for a quick crop. After the pecan trees get some years growth, you can plant peas, or velvet beans in rows, on each side of them, cultivate the peas or beans, and plow them under. A good crop of peas is the same on an acre as ten tons of stable manure, provided the peas are plowed under. In this way by working say four or five feet on each side of your rows of pecans you can with ease and certainty increase their growth rapidly. To make pecan trees bear, use phosphoric acid and kainit. To make them grow, use acid and nitrogen.

If you cannot set out the trees within 5 days after you receive them, heel them out in the ground as follows: Open up the bundle of trees so that you can take out one tree at a time, and dig a trench about a foot deep, and locate where the ground is moist and well drained. Lean the bodies of the tree against the bank of earth, shovel fine dirt over and around the roots, until they are covered. Pour water enough to thoroughly dampen the earth around the roots, then fill up the trench until all the roots and a few inches of the body of each tree is entirely covered. Now pack the earth well with the feet, and throw on a few shovels of loose earth. The trees will keep perfectly fresh, heeled in this manner, for weeks, until you are ready to set them out in their holes.

TERMS OF SALE OF TREES: The cash is required when the trees are delivered. We buy everything for cash and sell the same way. In this manner we offer you the best trees that can be grown at a close price.

GUARANTEE: We absolutely guarantee every tree we sell to be grafted from an unusually fine tree, of the variety specified, each tree to be thrifty, vigorous, and carefully packed. If one should die we sell another to you at half price to replace it.

All our trees have been inspected, and are certified, by the State Plant Board.

Varieties:

STUART - SUCCESS - SCHLEY

PRICES:

3	foot	size	$ .75	each.
4	foot	size	.85	each
5	foot	size	1.00	each
6	foot	size	1.15	each
7	foot	size	1.25	each

FORDS' PECAN TREE NURSERY

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